

Appl. No. 10/820,240
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The following response is submitted within one month after the shortened statutory period of three months beginning on July 6, 2006. A Petition for Extension of Time and fee are submitted with this Response.

Applicants cancelled claims 1-9, 11-14, 16-35, 37-40 and 43 without prejudice and disclaimer.

Applicants have rewritten claims 10, 15 and 36 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The application contains allowed claims 10, 15, 36, 41-42 and 44-45. The application is now in condition of allowance. A timely issuance of the Notice of Allowance would be highly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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